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Shakopee man sentenced to 108 months in prison for distributing ecstasy

A 31-year-old Shakopee man was sentenced yesterday to 108 months in federal prison for distributing nearly 30,000 tablets of the semisynthetic psychedelic drug MDMA, commonly known as ecstasy.

United States District Court Judge David Doty also sentenced Outhay Siharath to three years of supervised release July 23 in Minneapolis. Siharath, also known as Spider, was indicted Jan. 8, and pleaded guilty Feb. 19 to one count of conspiracy to distribute in excess of 20,000 tablets of MDMA/ecstasy.

According to his plea agreement, Siharath admitted that from October 2007 to Dec. 17, 2007, he knowingly conspired to distribute approximately 29,000 tablets (7,250 grams) of a substance containing a detectable amount of ecstasy.

A second defendant in the case, Detvisay Nui Sortheparack, 31, Bloomington, pleaded guilty Feb. 19 to one count of conspiracy and is awaiting sentencing.

According to a Federal Bureau of Investigation affidavit, officers conducted a "controlled buy" of 500 ecstasy pills from Siharath in a Shakopee parking lot in October 2007. On Dec. 17, 2007, Siharath and Sortheparack were arrested in a parking lot outside of the Mall of America attempting to sell 20,000 pills of ecstasy for \$70,000.

This case was the result of an investigation by the FBI and the Minneapolis Police Department, and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Christian S. Wilton.